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Media Advisory

Frontiers in Addiction Research NIDA to Hold Mini-Convention at Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), National Institutes of Health, will convene a one-day mini-convention at the Society for Neuroscience's (SfN) annual meeting in San Diego, bringing together scientists to explore novel approaches to addiction and treatment. NIDA scientists will present recent findings and discuss future directions in the neurobiology of drug abuse and addiction.

WHAT: Frontiers in Addiction Research
NIDA 2007 Mini-Convention

HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Jacob P. Waletzky Memorial Award Lecture** — in recognition of innovative research in drug addiction and alcoholism
- **Neuronal Adaptations and Counteradaptations** — an exploration of diverse cellular and molecular mechanisms as they relate to addiction
- **Heteromerization of G-Protein-Coupled Receptors: Implications for CNS Function and Dysfunction** — research updates in the science of neuropsychiatric disorders
- **Glial Cells and Addiction** — new perspectives on the complex pathways of addiction
- **Henri Begleiter Memorial Symposium** (co-sponsored by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism) — exploration of emerging science which links genetics with behaviors that may contribute to alcohol dependence and drug abuse

WHEN: Friday, November 2, 2007

8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting
San Diego Convention Center
111 W. Harbor Dr.
San Diego, CA 92101

For more information or to arrange an interview with NIDA staff, call NIDA press officers Dorie Hightower or Sara Rosario Wilson at 301-443-6245 or e-mail your request to media@nida.nih.gov.

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